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PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

Draft resolution submitted by Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Despouy, Mr. Hatano, Mr. Khalil, Ms. Ksentini, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Mbonu, Mr. Saboia, Mr. Tian and Mr. Yimer

1992/.. Possible ways and means of facilitating the peaceful and constructive solution of problems involving minorities

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling its resolutions 1988/36 of 1 September 1988, 1989/44 of 1 September 1989, 1990/5 of 23 August 1990 and 1991/22 of 28 August 1992;

Reiterating its concern at the serious problems arising throughout the world from inter-ethnic and intergroup conflicts involving, in particular, minorities,

Convinced that the Sub-Commission can best contribute to preventing large-scale human rights problems in situations involving minorities by studying and proposing positive measures for the protection of minorities and for the peaceful and constructive solution of problems concerning them within the States in which they live,

Having considered the second progress report submitted by the Special Rapporteur, Mr. Asbjørn Eide, at its forty-fourth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1992/37 and Adds.1 and 2),

1. Expresses its profound appreciation to the Special Rapporteur for the thorough analysis and the application made of the guidelines established for the study;

2. Affirms the need to assign high priority and adequate resources to the collection and evaluation of relevant information;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, with the cooperation of the Special Rapporteur, the technical meeting of experts on minorities, as provided for in decision 92/112 of 3 March 1992 of the Commission on Human Rights, with a view to it taking place at the end of 1992;

4. Requests the Special Rapporteur to continue his consultations with States, which may also include visits to countries at the invitation of Governments, as provided for in Commission decision 1992/112;

5. Also requests the Special Rapporteur, in finalizing his report, to take into consideration the views expressed and the comments made by members of the Sub-Commission and the replies submitted by Governments, specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations,

6. Further requests the Special Rapporteur to submit his final report to the Sub-Commission at its forty-fifth session;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to give the Special Rapporteur all the assistance he may require to enable him to complete his study successfully.